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## EBARC Meeting

November 14, 2008

7:30 p.m.

Election of 2009 Officers  
Program to be Announced



The East Bay Amateur Radio Club meets the second Friday of each month  
at the Salvation Army, 4600 Appian Way, El Sobrante.

The Executive Board meets the Monday before each general meeting at 7:30 p.m.  
at the W6CUS club station, 3200 Macdonald Ave. Richmond.

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## President's Sidetone

**Jack Burris, K6JEB, President**

Well we're having a rather excellent Fall season weather-wise. You may also want to check the HF bands, as it looks like the trickle of new sunspots for Cycle 24 has begun.

PACIFICON 2008 was superb this year. A few of the volunteers for the event told me that there were a larger number of young people present this year. That's a welcome bit of news! Also, be sure to stop by the Washington (High School) Amateur Radio Club web site: <http://www.washingtonarc.org>

Just a reminder; we are still seeking EBARC members to serve as the elected officers of the club. I will be stepping down as President at the end of this year as will 2nd Vice President Randy, KA6BQF and Club Secretary Peter, W6DEI.

Don't forget about the ARRL November Sweepstakes which is November 1-3 for CW weekend and November 15-17 for the SSB weekend. For more details see: <http://www2.arrl.org/contests/rules/2008/novss>

## 2009 EBARC Membership Renewal

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Membership Type ☐ Regular ☐ Family  
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Please use the lines above to tell us your ham interests,  
and any non-ham skills or hobbies

## General Meeting Minutes

### October 10, 2008

**Peter Hoffman, W6DEI, Secretary**

Membership voted to give our usual annual donation to the Salvation Army.

Sharon announced that we are accepting membership renewals for 2009. Let Sharon know, and pay dues to Gordy. There will be a VE session on October 26th.

Gordy gave his report and mentioned that he was contacted by AT&T to ask about our

phone usage. The phone bill will probably go up slightly. AT&T also donated a \$10 Starbucks gift card which was put into the raffle for this evening's door prizes.

Robbie announced the 4Cs/EBARC Christmas luncheon will be on Dec. 13th. He also gave a report on the status of the 4C's repeater. It was a bureaucratic hassle dealing with PG&E to get the electric meter installed after the power lines were put back in. The controller still isn't working and has been sent to the manufacturer for repair. Right now only the packet station is operational.

Texx announced that the scheduled speaker for tonight could not make it and will be rescheduled. Peter Hoffman will do a presentation on marine mobile operations instead. Texx has 6 speakers lined up for 2009 but not for specific months.

Jack announced that Washington HS needs donations of ham equipment for their new club and has requested a special VE session for November 23rd, expecting about 30 people to take their tests. Jack sent our letter to the City of Richmond to clarify our status as occupants of the club station and hopefully establish a long-term lease.

Stanton said he'd be reconnecting the water lines at the club station this weekend and requested help from anyone who would like to join him in this project. He said the City of Richmond is likely to pay our utility bills as they've been doing for Americare (the tenants of the front building on the property).

The Salvation Army will be contacted about the availability of the facility on Jan 17th 2009 for our annual Crab Feed. (Subsequent to this meeting we received word that Fred would not be available on that date to do the cooking and we will instead ask the Salvation Army for the second Saturday in January.)

Jack announced that the election committee (Jack, Peter H., and Randy) would be looking for volunteers to run for office for 2009.

Jack also reminded us that Pacificon will be held next weekend.

Ken announced that the USS Hornet ARC is having its meeting on Saturday and there's a special open house on October 18th, complete with a Boy Scout *Jamboree on the Air* event. The open house is free to the public.

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## **Washington Amateur Radio Club**

### **Nathan Ng, KI6PVO, President**

Do YOU want to make a real difference for the future of ham radio? Newly-formed Washington Amateur Radio Club at George Washington High School in San Francisco, California, could use your help! Washington Amateur Radio Club has recently formed to bring together George Washington High School students, staff, and faculty interested in amateur radio. Our meetings are held weekly at George Washington High School in San Francisco. Presently we have 25 student members. We have already scheduled a VE test session for our group in November and hope to provide the amateur radio service with the next generation of highly motivated operators. If you're interested in getting involved with the club, if you have operational amateur radio equipment to donate, or you can lend a hand in helping us build our ham shack, we'd love to hear from you. Items on our 'short list' include coax, 12VDC power supply, an HF transceiver, antenna tuner, SWR meter, antenna analyzer, antenna wire, soldering equipment, a multimeter, antenna hardware, QSL cards, CW keys and oscillators, CURRENT study materials, antenna books, QRP kits, HTs, and of course we always appreciate any mentoring or learning sessions you can provide. Some of the topics we're hoping to discuss at future club meetings include: amateur radio emergency

communications training; communicating via amateur satellites; QRP and best practices in building amateur radio gear; the science of propagation (HF/VHF/UHF and beyond); antennas and math; DXing; and DXpeditions. For more information about our club, please visit our web site:

<http://www.washingtonarc.org/> or email us at: [washingtonarc@yahoo.com](mailto:washingtonarc@yahoo.com) Thank you in advance for any help you can give us! 72/73, KB, and Good DX

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## Election of 2009 EBARC Officers

The EBARC nominating committee for this year consists of: Randy Jenkins, KA6BQF; 526-4089; Peter Hoffman, W6DEI, 525-0694; and Jack Burris, K6JEB, 415-305-2547. Contact one of them if you'll run for office.

Nominations from the floor for all offices will also be accepted during the November general meeting, with the election to follow. The following people have agreed to have their names placed in nomination for office for 2009:

President: (nobody yet)  
1st VP/Program: Texx Woodworth, KG6ATH  
2nd VP/Hospitality: (nobody yet)  
3rd VP/Membership: Sharon Primbsch, AA6XZ  
Secretary: Charles Hayes, AF6AB  
Treasurer: Gordon Parsons, NU6W

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## Editorial

EBARC is at a crucial time in its history. We are trying to formalize an arrangement with the City of Richmond for the continued existence of the club station. If this effort succeeds, we need to repair the roof at the club station, among other things. We are in the midst of modernizing our ByLaws. We need interesting, pre-announced programs to attract current and new members to meetings. We need officers who will attend Board meetings

and work hard for the club; providing timely and accurate status, correspondence, membership, fiscal, and program information, and to work for the welfare of EBARC.

Please consider running for EBARC office. It's important that you come to the November meeting to vote for the 2009 officers. If club members cannot elect a slate at this meeting, the club will be dissolved and its assets distributed to the current, 2008 members.

(This editorial is the sole opinion of your editor, Sharon Primbsch, AA6XZ, and not of any other members of EBARC, or of the ARRL or EBARC organizations.)

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## RACES Net Back on 145.11

**Mike McMillan, K6MCM**  
**EC West Contra Costa County**

The 4Cs repeater is back in operation. RACES nets (Thursdays, 6:45 p.m. local time) are now back to their original mode at 145.110 MHz with a negative offset and CTCSS of 82.5

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## Future Bay Area Events

- Livermore Swap Meet, 1st Sunday of each month at Robertson Park, 7 a.m. to noon, all year. Talk-in 147.045 MHz. Info: Robert 925-560-5646 (h). More info at [www.livermoreark.org/swap/swap.html](http://www.livermoreark.org/swap/swap.html)
- EBARC, ORCA, and ARCA sponsor joint ARRL VEC Amateur Radio Test Sessions quarterly at 9 a.m. The dates for 2009 will probably be Jan. 25<sup>th</sup>, Apr. 26<sup>th</sup>, Jul. 26<sup>th</sup>, & Oct. 25<sup>th</sup>. Tests are in the Media Room, 1605 Martin Luther King Jr. Way (at 16<sup>th</sup> St.), Oakland. The 2009 test fee has not yet been announced. For info call 510-846-1587 or 510-741-8227.
- CoCoCo RACES Training: Details at [www.cc-races.org](http://www.cc-races.org) or via RACES net, 6:45 p.m., Thursdays on 145.11 MHz.

The East Bay Amateur Radio Club, founded in 1947, is a California non-profit organization of amateur radio operators in Contra Costa and Alameda counties. The club is open to anyone interested in amateur radio. Annual dues are \$25 for individual membership, \$30 for a family membership, and \$10 for students K-12. For information, call (510) 233-7509, contact any EBARC officer, see Web page [www.eastbayarc.org](http://www.eastbayarc.org), or write EBARC, P.O. Box 1393, El Cerrito, CA 94530. The East Bay Amateur Radio Club maintains a club station, W6CUS, at 3200 Macdonald Ave., Richmond. The packet station, W6CUS-1, is on 145.630 Mhz, and is linked to the EAST BAY LAN (EBAY) on 223.720 Mhz.

## 2008 EAST BAY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB EXECUTIVE BOARD

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## AMATEUR RADIO NETS

NET	DAYS	LOCAL TIME	FREQ, MHZ
West Contra Costa County ARES/RACES Net	Thurs	1845 (PL 82.5-)	145.110
EBARC "Explore Net" (HF)	Mon	1930 (USB)	28.425
KARO/ECHO ARES/RACES Net	Thurs	~1900 simplex	146.415
NALCO RACES/ARES Net	Thurs	1915 (PL 131.8+)	440.900
Oakland ARES Emergency Communications Net	Thurs	1930 (PL 77-)	146.880
Contra Costa Communications Club Net	Thurs	1930 (PL 82.5-)	145.110
Tech Net	Thurs	2000 (PL 82.5-)	145.110
"Over the Hill Gang" Breakfast/Commute Net	Mo-Fr	0710 (PL 82.5-)	145.110
Northern Calif. Net VHF Session	Daily	1930 (PL 107.2-)	145.410
"Going Home Group"	Mo-Fr	1600 (PL 82.5-)	145.110

Asst. EC West CoCoCo: Mike McMillan, K6MCM, [mcmillan50y@yahoo.com](mailto:mcmillan50y@yahoo.com), phone 510 223-3052.  
Frequencies: #1=145.110-, #2=147.570s, [www.cc-races.org](http://www.cc-races.org).